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Applicant: Takafumi TAGUCHI et al. Conf.: 7690  
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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A pneumatic tire having a carcass of at least one layer, said carcass having a pair of ends engaged with a pair of bead cores on both sides with each of the ends being turned up outwardly from an inner side around each of the pair of bead cores, an inner liner made of a first rubber composition disposed radially